

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2004

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1221

Introduced by: Representative Wick and Senator Kelly

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require certain publishers to provide electronic versions
2 of textbooks suitable for conversion into Braille.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. The local school district shall require the publisher of any textbook adopted by
5 the school district for literary subjects to furnish the South Dakota State Library with an
6 electronic version in a computer-accessible format from which Braille versions of the textbook
7 can be produced. The publisher shall also furnish an electronic version for nonliterary subjects,
8 such as natural sciences, computer science, mathematics, and music if Braille specialty code
9 translation software is available. The publisher shall provide the electronic file to the requesting
10 agency within sixty days of receiving written notice that the file is needed. The cost of the
11 electronic publisher's file may not exceed the cost of a print copy of the same title. Legacy
12 materials are exempt from the requirements of this section. For purposes of this section, the
13 term, legacy, means images and graphics requiring release and permission from another source
14 other than the publisher. The Department of Education shall oversee the process established in
15 this section to ensure that the textbooks and electronic files arrive by the start of the school year.

